

The John Humn House  
Murray Township, Orleans County, New York

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MURRAY TOWNSHIP,  
ORLEANS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Owner: C. H. Falmer

Date of Erection: c.1840

Architect:

Builder: Early settlers

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Roof of rough-sawn timbers. Foundation and side walls Medina stone. Side walls faced with cobblestone. Floors - pine boards.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data: See text.

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The John Hunn house is typical of several cobblestone farm houses along the historic Ridge Road which is now a main highway. This house, built about 1840, is an interesting example of a field stone building erected during this period by the early settlers. In it one finds part of the design and detail following the old existing order of cornice, frieze and other parts giving the house character.

An essential feature is the fact that the main portion of the house stands as it was originally built, with only minor changes, the top portion of the chimneys having been rebuilt and some small window pane sash relocated in the frame addition.

The roof construction is of rough sawn timbers. The foundation and side walls are Medina stone; the side walls are faced with cobblestones obtained from the local fields; the stones are from the Medina strata commonly used in this section of the country for many buildings. They vary in color, some reds, browns and gray yellows.

The interior is quite typical, the woodwork and mouldings were all, of course, produced by hand labor. The floors are of pine boards and at the head of the stairs one arrives in a fairly large hall.

The present owner Mr. C. H. Palmer, purchased the house from John Hunn and consists of a very large parcel of farming land that stretches away to the northward for a mile or more toward Lake Ontario with a wooded section, located at the rear of the farm.

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